



## *Carl Vinson / CVW-9 Sailor of the Day*

### **ET2(SW) Wendy Dlugolecki**



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Does today's Sailor of the Day know all the secrets locked in an atom? Perhaps not, however, ET2(SW) Wendy Dlugolecki from Reactor Control is widely known throughout her department as the "Reactor Theory Goddess." According to her, she owes it all to senior mentor ET1(SW) Jeff Neese.

"Reactor theory is so hard because there are so many ifs ... it's all theory, but I managed to gather a lot from talking to Neese," she said. "It's surprising how much you can learn from a person's mistakes."

When not teaching the masses the ins and outs of atomic design, Dlugolecki (duh-loog-a-key) serves as her division's assistant work center supervisor and material history petty officer. She helps ensure all maintenance is performed correctly, safely and to the letter.

"Since reporting aboard, Dlugolecki has established herself as the 'go-to' individual for RC-11," said Reactor LCPO ETCM(SW) Bruce Cruickshank. "Her impressive work ethic drove her to qualify for reactor operator fourteen months early -- a feat rarely ever matched. Her superior performance while aboard has positively impacted Carl Vinson's ability to accomplish its mission and stay at the 'tip of the spear.'"

Dlugolecki said her inspiration stems from her brother who left home in New York to venture west in search of success, showing her anything was possible.



*ET2(SW) Wendy Dlugolecki from Reactor Control demonstrates proper use of a soldering iron -- classic tool of her predecessor.*



*Dlugolecki trains with her work center supervisor.*



*Based on their understanding of the negative outcomes of uncontrolled fission, a successful shop finds coherence in learning how to accomplish personal fusion.*

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